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1. (Amended) A method for launching a web browser application on a user's computer, comprising the steps of:

providing a browser application on the user's computer that is launchable in response to predetermined browser inputs being received by the user's computer;

providing a non-browser input that is not a portion of the set of predetermined browser inputs;

correlating the non-browser input to simulate one or more of the predetermined browser inputs as a simulated browser input; and

10 launching the web browser on the user's computer with this simulated browser input and, in response therefore, accessing information on a network.

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated January 31, 2001. Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Regarding Claim 1, rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102(b) as being anticipated by *McArthur*, U.S. Pat. No. 5,805,806, this rejection is respectfully traversed as follows. The Office Action cites Col. 11, lines 28-42 of the reference, asserting that the combination of elements of Claim 1 is fully disclosed therein. This passage describes the process of launching a Web browser application using a keyboard coupled to a PC, a conventional way of launching any application by sending a command entered by the keyboard. However, the structure in the reference (see Col. 11, lines 28-42) lacks any input device, as disclosed in the present application, that has the ability to provide a non-browser input that is not a portion of the set of predetermined browser inputs to the PC such as, for example, inputs different from keystroke data. Nor does the cited reference include structure that correlates the non-browser inputs to simulate one or more of the browser inputs as a simulated browser input. Thus, the reference

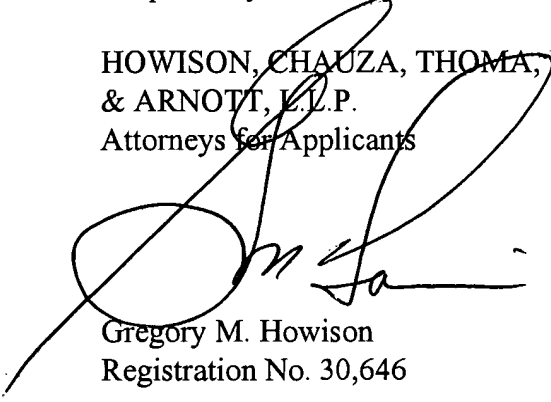
structure cannot perform at least two of the steps recited in Applicant's Claim 1, as amended, namely, "providing a non-browser input" and "correlating the non-browser input." Accordingly, the Applicant's independent Claim 1 as amended is not anticipated by the cited reference. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of this rejection.

Regarding Claims 2-5, rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *McArthur* in view of *Call et al.*, U.S. Pat. No. 5,913,210, Claims 2-5 all depend from Claim 1, which is now believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Thus Claims 2-5 are likewise believed allowable and the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PHLY-24,735 of HOWISON, CHAUZA, THOMA, HANDLEY & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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APPENDIX

The foregoing amendment to Claim 1 is detailed as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for launching a web browser application on a user's computer, comprising the steps of:

providing a browser application on the user's computer that is launchable in response to predetermined browser inputs being received by the user's computer;

providing a non-browser input that is not a portion of the set of predetermined browser inputs;

correlating the non-browser input to simulate one or more of the predetermined browser inputs as a simulated browser input; and

launching the web browser on the user's computer with this simulated browser input [to access] and, in response therefor, accessing information on a network.